

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.**

**Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:**

A method for regenerating an NO<sub>x</sub> removal catalyst, the method being capable of readily restoring the catalytic activity of a deteriorated NO<sub>x</sub> removal catalyst; being performed by simple operations; and attaining high operational efficiency. The method for regenerating an NO<sub>x</sub> removal catalyst 14 employed in a flue gas NO<sub>x</sub> removal apparatus includes immersing the NO<sub>x</sub> removal catalyst at ambient temperature in regeneration water 31 containing substantially no chlorine and no cleaning component; removing the catalyst from the regeneration water; and removing water from the catalyst.